



The Methodist Church



Circuit Chat

Dear Friends,

Rather than a letter, I would like to offer this prayer for the life of our Circuit ...

Sovereign God,

You have prepared many gifts for us - hidden treasures -
and you long for us to discover each one.

We thank you for the life of our Circuit, in all its diversity.
Thank you for opportunities to gather around you and share our stories.
The testimonies of faith from past generations which still inspire us today ...
... as well as the new beginnings that challenge us afresh.

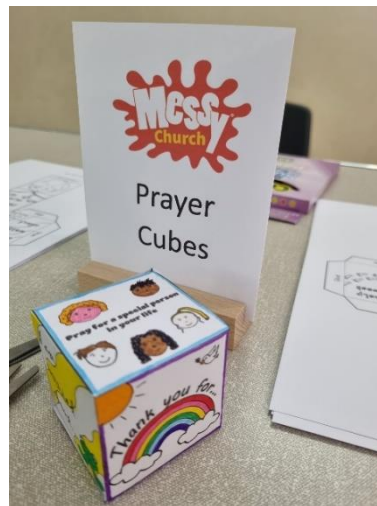
We pray for inclusive and welcoming ways of working together:
For Family Film Clubs and Soup & Song,
The role of the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association,
Work with local schools and Christians at Pride,
For music, art & poetry, church family picnics ...
... and all of the worship, learning and caring that we experience together.

Guide us as we seek new pathways to live out our faith and grow in discipleship
or as we rediscover the value of ancient ways.

Help us to learn to do what is right - to seek justice and defend the oppressed.
Amen.

Grace and peace, *Julie*

News from South Anston



Saturday 20th July was South Anston's very first Messy Church taster session. With the first day of the summer holidays being the only date we could host it, and with it being the first exposure to faith in a community where monthly Family Film Nights have been going so well, we were anxious that nobody would come. How wrong we were!

13 children and 14 adults, plus 5 team members enjoyed a super afternoon of crafts, games, pizza and a short time of worship (including the Skittles experiment with water creating a rainbow!). The atmosphere was buzzing, laughter and excited shrieks could be heard in the bustling hall, and lots of themed crafts were created by all ages.

We decided that prayer would be a good theme to begin with (we'll perhaps use a Bible story as our focus next time), and we explored lots of different ways to communicate with God and reflect on our relationship with God, such as using Skittles (the edible kind!), prayer cubes, creating a prayer jar to use at home, a quieter prayer space with a tree to hang prayers on, electric tealights to turn on and opportunity to drop a pebble of prayer into a water bowl.

For the first time families whom we've got to know over the last year (and those who came for the first time) asked questions about what happens at church, what provision there is for children in worship, and each child was given a Rainbow Good News Bible as they departed – these were kindly donated to Deacon Emily by Sir Edmund Hillary Academy in Worksop.

We're so looking forward to the Messy event – interspersed with the usual Film Nights – families are asking for more! We're able to run these in part because of the grant awarded by the District for New Beginnings, this is certainly a new beginning and one we're so excited about!

Music and Poetry evening – South Anston



On Saturday 13th July we were treated to “Music and Poetry for a Summer Evening” with Rev Meg Burton (Soprano) and her long term friend from Austria, Jutta Sigmund (Organist)

A variety of music by Pachelbel, Bach and Handel were sung and played by Meg and Jutta followed by a Poem/Reading read by Glennis Pearson. Further music by Schubert, Vaughan Williams and Franck concluded the first half of the concert.

Refreshments were served in the Hall including a traditional Austrian cake made by Meg and Jutta.

The second half started with a couple of Poem/Readings by Maggie Lound before Meg sang Ave Maria and Pie Jesu accompanied by Jutta. The final Poem/Readings were read by Valerie Hinchliffe.

The programme concluded with a couple of songs from the shows and a final piece on the organ.

It was a wonderful evening and raised £344 for Church Funds.

Anne Duffy

Worksop PRIDE 2024



This years' PRIDE was bigger and better than ever, with thousands of people pouring into the streets, parading with 'Dottie' the Drag-on Bassetlaw PRIDE Sculpture, and celebrating love and diversity in all its fabulous rainbow colour.

The Crossing Church were delighted to have a stall in the marketplace providing family activities and a prayer space for the second year running. We offered cupcake decorating (very popular!), a rainbow prayer wall, chalk-pavement decorating and chance to talk with our volunteers about the significance of the day.

One young man scribbled determinedly with a pavement chalk and gave us a kind smile as he left, having written "Take Me As I Am". A young boy asked one of our team if the cupcake-decorating was only for girls as there was a group of girls enjoying the craft, and was told in no uncertain terms that it was for everyone, to which he beamed! The rainbow heart chalked on the ground asserting that "God Loves All" sums up this wonderful event. God was in the midst of everything, and spoke through the smiles, kindness and conversation.

We distributed 150 rolls of personalised Love Heart sweets and all 3 trays of cupcakes soon disappeared, but it was the atmosphere and conversations which really made an impact, from the youngest to the oldest (many of our volunteers are 70+ which somehow holds even more significance to the feeling of inclusion and joy of the day).

Our Deacon Emily donned an inflatable unicorn costume which was definitely a talking point, and several people were surprised and moved to know that she herself is in a same-sex marriage with Lisa – being present and welcoming at our stall was a real privilege, and we can't wait to return next year! The following day The Crossing had a meaningful PRIDE Celebration Service with such a positive and affirming atmosphere – we feel very blessed.

A few more photos from the day over the page!



Emily and Lisa bearing Dottie the Drag-on



Emily and Lisa Hoe-Crook



Mary Chester from Grove Street Methodist Church has kindly been in touch to share a set of instructions for servants that we believe comes from the turn of the 20th century.

Mary feels these are worth sharing in terms of nostalgia/history/eloquent writing mixed with 'what stood then still stands now'.

Servants' Instructions -

It was believed that servants as members of the lower classes serve upper class employers. They needed guiding principles! In Ordsall House, London Road, a series of directions for servants were fixed on the kitchen wall, including:

- *A good character is valuable to everyone, but especially for servants, for it is their bread; and without it they cannot be admitted into any credible family; and happy it is that the best of characters is in everyone's power to deserve.*
- *Never undertake any place you are not qualified for; for pretending what you do not understand, exposes yourself, and what is worse still, deceives them whom you serve.*
- *Preserve your fidelity; for a faithful servant is a jewel, for whom no encouragement can be too great.*
- *Adhere to the truth; for a falsehood is detestable; and he that tells one lie must tell 20 more to conceal it.*
- *Be modest in your behaviour; it becomes your station, and is pleasing to your superiors.*
- *Avoid pert answers; for civil language is cheap and impertinence provoking.*
- *Never tell the affairs of the family you belong to, for that is a sort of treachery; and often makes mischief; but keep their secrets and have none of your own.*
- *Above all things avoid drunkenness; for it is an inlet to vice, the ruin of your character and the destruction of your constitution.*
- *Whoever pays a due regard to the above precepts will be happy within themselves, will never want friends, and will always meet with the assistance, protection and encouragement of the wealthy, the worthy and the wise.*

Kindly shared by permission from the Bassetlaw Museum collection, Retford.

News from Wales Kiveton Methodist Church.

The very successful Soup and Song events at Wales Kiveton continue to entertain on a monthly basis, every second Thursday of each month from 12 noon to 2pm, providing food and refreshments free of charge and professional musicians/singers from Lost Chord.

As a special treat the July session also included singing from about 30 of the Wales Primary School children, who entertained with some of their songs that they had performed weeks earlier at a special concert event at The Magna in Rotherham. These included songs such as The Climb, It must be love, I'll stand by you, You've got a friend in me, and a very enthusiastic delivery of the Katie Perry tune "Roar"; and the children certainly did!



The food company Greencore have seen the value of the Soup and Song to the community and their supply of food since March is very welcome, as is the assistance at each event when they also send two employees from the company to help out in any way they can.

The August event represented the first full year since Soup and Song started at Wales Kiveton, and we had expected a new soprano singer to be with us from Lost Chord. However, due to illness and a very late notification, it was too late to source another singer/musician in time to replace her, so it was down to the team and helpers at our church to be the entertainment, and did they deliver!

A full play list of popular old songs was prepared and everyone was in good singing voice, and Stella Green one of our many supportive ecumenical friends did a stint on the piano, with "What shall we do with a drunken sailor" proving most popular with actions to match! To add that little extra variation to the enjoyment, several rounds of "Play your cards right" provided much fun, with those there being split into two teams which ended in a very fair draw. A special thanks goes to Dee Ladds for her input and being the dealer of the cards.



So to round off the afternoon it was time for a bit of a dance, and the floor was taken to Jailhouse Rock by Elvis Presley, The Twist by Chubby Checker, and The Locomotion by Little Eva (photos included); a sit down was required after this jiving and rock and rolling before heading off home until the next time.



After many hours of rehearsing over lots of months at Wales Kiveton, Wales Community Theatre Players presented their performances of "Showstoppers Musical Magic" at The Lyric in Dinnington over several nights and what a first class show it was. There is no time to rest though, and they are now preparing to start new rehearsals in church for their annual panto which is presented in January at the Montgomery Hall in Sheffield; this time it is the classic panto of Cinderella. Make sure you get your tickets as this is always a great family panto to enjoy.

Our August united services shared with South and North Anston and Dinnington churches have been lovely occasions and well attended, with chats and coffee to follow after the services.

The links with our ecumenical church friends continues as we hold monthly church faith studies at each other's churches, and about 20 of us recently enjoyed a lunchtime gathering in the pub over the road from Wales Parish Church. A social evening fun event is being proposed for November which Wales Kiveton will organise and host.

Paul Joynes

Church Family Picnic

At North Anston our Church was still closed awaiting the installation of temporary props. We were itching to get events up and running again but without a building “what could we do?” That is when the idea of the family picnic came about. Booked in our diaries for Tuesday 6 August at 12 noon to meet at our local Greenlands Park. It



was a bit short notice to advertise but we did pass a message round at the United Service at

South Anston on 4 August. We had had a lovely spell of good weather and were



just hoping it would continue - it did and we were fortunate enough to



have a lovely sunny afternoon. There were just over thirty of us from our Church family, friends from Shoebox Drop-in and South Anston Church. Whether it was to just chill and chat or take part in the games a fun time was had by all.

Open Day at North Anston

At last we received the news we had been waiting for - the arrival and erection of the temporary props – so there was no stopping us now!

A cleaning afternoon was quickly organised and volunteers joined our members to make the church look as good as new.

To celebrate the re-opening an Open Day was suggested.

We had had a number of enquiries about what was happening with the church when it was closed and thought it a good idea to let people come along and see for themselves.



On Wednesday 14 August we



opened the church doors from 10am – 3pm and were overwhelmed with the support we received – it was good to welcome so many friends both old and

new and the children who came were occupied with crafts provided by Messy Place. Our last visitors were a couple who married at our church in 2013. They had heard the church was closed but on hearing about our Open Day came along to reminisce – what a lovely way to end such a wonderful re-opening of our church.



Carlton news

BOYS' BRIGADE & GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

(Summer Term)



At the first meeting after Easter we spent time on Road Safety, looking at dangers on the roads. As it was a nice evening, we went for a short walk, crossing the road at safe crossing points on High Road.



On Saturday 20 April the Battalion had a Canoeing Day at Rother Valley Country Park, when two young people and two leaders spent the morning canoeing and kayaking.

During this term we had stories on the screen and activities on Jesus and his disciples. We also learnt the action songs 'I will make you fishers of men' and 'If I were a butterfly...'

We followed the theme of 'What a team!' for a few weeks and we formed teams which challenged each other with challenges entitled 'Paper Chains', 'Egg Hunt', 'Upside-down Boat', 'Finger Numbers' and 'Knot Tangle'. Other activities included badge making, photo frames and Rice Crispy fish.

We had one night at the Carlton Youth Centre using their facilities and another on King George's field when we had a scooter/bike ride, a tug of war, a relay race, an arrow throw and a game of rounders.

We regularly have games based on the theme of the session, which after the half term holiday was about Africa and its animals. Pictures of animals were coloured and identified and the difference between nocturnal and diurnal made.

On Thursday 20 June the Rainbows, Brownies and BBGA, along with their families and friends, formed teams who competed in the Annual Treasure Hunt along High Road. Eight teams made up of family groups, including some tots in prams, made a total of 70 people taking part. A good time was had by everyone.

In the last two meetings an Egyptian code was deciphered, and time was spent looking at various types of weather. Members plotted a weather chart for the week between meetings. Pictures of different weathers were coloured.

Tuesday 9 July was our final meeting of the year and Awards Night, attended by family and friends. The evening was like normal but this time family groups did a wordsearch, labelled the British Isles and watched the story on and sang the songs from the screen. Rev Meg Burton was our special guest for the evening, and she presented the awards and congratulated everyone for their effort.

The recently qualified Lieutenants received framed certificates for their achievement. (During our church service on 16 June, another leader had received a similar certificate for his transfer to our Company.) Five good friends of the BBGA also received 'BB Friends' badges for all the help they give the Company.

Eddie Croot, Captain

PIRATE PARTY

On 20th August we hosted one of two children's Pirate Parties in the village, in conjunction with a project running elsewhere in Carlton. 14 youngsters attended, each with at least one accompanying adult. The theme, coincidentally, was Hidden Treasure. Activities on offer included making a pirate hat, pirate faces from paper plates, a treasure chest jewellery box, a treasure map, colouring, puzzles and decorating biscuits. A treasure hunt round the room had everyone searching for chocolate gold coins, followed by other games. A pirate galleon was made out of cardboard boxes.



After refreshments there was a short video of the Parable of the Hidden Treasure, then the children gathered round a treasure chest for a story. Hidden under trinkets and jewellery they discovered 'God's Hidden Treasure', a Children's Bible, and were told how Jesus was God's treasure for them to get to know in their lives, and that each of them were treasured by God.

Everyone went home with a goody bag.

Helen Hindmarch

The 'Interview' with Russell Lincoln, The Crossing



Tell us a bit about yourself (e.g. where you live, working life, which Church attend)

I was born in Sheffield, (Shiregreen). 1949. I went to Bradford University to study Materials Science and Technology. When I graduated, I got married and went to work for GKN Research Centre in Wolverhampton. We lived in the West Midlands for 16 years before moving back to (South Yorkshire ish), Worksop. I have a son who has Downs Syndrome, living in sheltered accommodation nearby, and a daughter who is teaching in Ware, Hertfordshire. We have two Grandsons.

Our church is The Crossing, Worksop.

My Hobbies are Model Railways, Gardening and Land Rovers.

What's your favourite holiday destination and why?

I like Italy for the Culture, History, and Art. My favourite destination however would be South Africa, where I visited regularly with my work, when I worked for Vesuvius in the Steel Industry as Technical Manager. I love the people, the food, the wine but, most of all the Wildlife.

What's your favourite music and book?

I have an eclectic mix in music so it is difficult to choose a favourite. The only music I hated was opera singing until I attended an open-air Opera at the coliseum in Verona and now, I really enjoy live Opera, especially at open air theatres.

My favourite book is again difficult to choose. I enjoy reading Ian Rankin's John Rebus series of books. The dictionary comes a close second as I am often using it to solve crosswords!

Tell us something about you that we don't know!

I was a member of the 0.22 rifle team and won a silver spoon in a National Competition for rifle shooting at University.

What do you do to relax?

I relax by gardening or making models for my model railway from scratch. (not kits).

What does being a Christian/going to Church mean to you?

I started going to Church late in life, when we christened our children, when we came to Worksop. I always had questions about religion and, as a scientist, was never sure if I believed in God or not. So, when I was invited to join the Sunday services at what is now The Crossing, going to Church was, for me, to try and answer those questions. I am still seeking answers, but now, by attending Church, I feel closer to God. Being a Christian has taught me how to be a better person and attending Church reminds me how to continue being a better person and enjoy the friendship of others. It is not always easy, but that's what makes life so challenging, interesting and rewarding being a Christian.

What do you find the most difficult things about being a Christian now?

Understanding some of the passages in The Bible, especially The Old Testament. I feel I should be more accepting, but, and I suspect this is the scientist in me, I need more proof and I question everything. Answers are coming.

What would be your message for the World in 10 words or less?

Be tolerant, be understanding and love your neighbour.

Russell Lincoln

I always find these 'interviews' fascinating and learn a lot from those who share something of their life and story. If you'd like to volunteer to be part of these 'interviews' in the future please just drop me a line!

Richard (Richard.dearden@trinitycircuit.net)

Future dates for the diary

Several churches have asked for information regarding future events to be shared with Circuit friends, please see below:

North Anston:

- Thursday 31st October Afternoon Light Party
- Saturday 23rd November 2pm Talk by David Templeman on Manor Lodge and Sheffield Castle, including refreshments

Carlton:

- Saturday 9th November Christmas Craft Fayre

South Anston:

- Sunday 13th October Harvest Pie and Pea Lunch after the service
- Wednesday 27th November Coffee Morning for Multiple Sclerosis Society

Dinnington:

- Saturday 19th October 3pm – 5:30 pm Chapel Anniversary Party
- Saturday 9th November 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Autumn Fayre

Christmas 2024

I'm usually the one in my family who always comments 'it's too early to be talking about Christmas!' and it is but..... with there being no Circuit Chat before Christmas I'm suggesting I do a brief update late November/early December for upcoming Christmas events that many of you will be organising and running. If you have dates and information you'd like me to share please ensure you send these to me at Richard.dearden@trinitycircuit.net by Friday 8 November 2024.

Thanks, Richard

Thank you

Thank you once again to everyone who has contributed to the September edition of our Circuit Chat Newsletter.

The aim is to produce quarterly Circuit Chats, could you please send any articles for the next edition to.....

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